

**CITY OF MIAMI BEACH**  
**Office of the City Manager**  
**Letter to Commission No. 015-2005**



**To:** Mayor David Dermer and  
Members of the City Commission

**Date:** January 20, 2005

**From:** Jorge M. Gonzalez  
City Manager

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**Subject: MIAMI BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

The purpose of this LTC is to update the Mayor and City Commission on the status of the City's pursuit of the 5<sup>th</sup> and Alton Transit Center Environmental Assessment to analyze impacts of a new park and ride facility on the northeast corner of Alton Road and 5<sup>th</sup> Street (MacArthur Causeway) in Miami Beach.

**Federal Transit Authority (FTA)**

On April 5, 2004 the Developer and its project team, City staff and I met with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in Atlanta to review FTA funding requirements. The FTA expressed favorable comments in its initial review of the project and indicated the City would need to place emphasis on the transit elements of the project, focusing on their location, cost and use, and transit user profiles to determine the project's eligibility for FTA funding. Additionally, the parties will explore to what degree the Federal funding restrictions apply to the privately funded, non-transit portion of the project.

Furthermore, the FTA funding has an extensive community and stakeholder participation process, culminating in the mandatory submittal of an Environmental Assessment (EA) Report identifying potential social, economic or environmental impacts that may arise as a result of the project, and measures to mitigate these potential impacts.

**Request for Proposals (RFQ)**

On May 24, 2004 the City Mayor and Commission passed Resolution No. 2004-25574 to establish an RFQ for the professional architectural and engineering services related to the preparation of the Environmental Assessment report, as required by the Federal Transit Administration. The initial RFQ received only one response, and the evaluation committee recommended that the Administration re-issue the Request for Proposals.

RFQ 38-03/04 was re-issued on December 8, 2004 as RFQ 01-04/05. A Pre-RFQ Submission Conference was held on December 17, 2004 in the City Manager's Small Conference Room.

Three proposals were submitted to this RFQ. Please review the following potential Candidate list for the evaluation committee to review these proposals.

Dr. Morris Sunshine, Resident  
Ivette Borrello, Resident  
Margarita Cepeda, Unidad  
Mark Needle, Resident  
Amelia Johnson, Transportation Coordinator, City of Miami Beach

If you have a recommendation of an individual to serve on the Evaluation Committee, or any other questions and/or comments about this project please do not hesitate to contact me.

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